

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 9 with the following paragraph.

“As explained in detail below, when, for example, it is determined that the cell voltage of any one of the capacitor cells exceeds the predetermined regeneration limitation voltage VR, the ~~control device 17~~ 17a estimates a total voltage (i.e., an estimated upper limit of total voltage SVU) at a time at which the cell voltage of the specific cell reaches the regeneration prohibition voltage VU. The control device 17 controls the regenerative operation of the driving motor 15 depending on the difference between the estimated upper limit of total voltage SVU and the measured total voltage SVE over the period until the cell voltage of any one of the capacitor cells reaches the regeneration prohibition voltage VU. For example, the control device 17 sets a lower amount of regeneration as the difference decreases, and sets a higher amount of regeneration as the difference increases.”

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 20 with the following paragraph.

“In the above-described embodiment, the energy storage device which sends and receives electrical energy to and from the driving motor 15 is the capacitor 13; however, the invention is not limited to this, and the energy storage device may be, for example, a battery assembly formed by connecting plural cells 13a, 13b and 13c to each other in series, each of which includes a secondary battery such as a lithium ion battery.”